

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1434

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Ashley Tuell for winning the grand prize in the American Legion, Department of Tennessee, oratory contest.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to excellence, have distinguished themselves as academic achievers; and

WHEREAS, Ashley Tuell, a senior at Providence Academy, is one such exceptional student, who recently won the grand prize in the American Legion, Department of Tennessee, oratory contest held in Nashville in March 2022; the victory earned her a \$2,000 scholarship and a trip to Indianapolis, Indiana, to compete in the national oratory contest; and

WHEREAS, the oratory contest is a nationwide effort by the American Legion to develop a deeper appreciation for the U.S. Constitution and to promote civic understanding, public speaking, and leadership skills among high school students; and

WHEREAS, local posts of the American Legion have sponsored the oratory contest since it was first created by the service organization in 1938; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Tuell won the preliminary contest, hosted by Kings Mountain Post 24, prior to her grand prize win; her original composition depicted the founding fathers' struggle to frame the U.S. Constitution in 1787; and

WHEREAS, her display of intellectual aptitude surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, this noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Mitch and Dawn Tuell, her school, and her community and is clearly deserving of our respect, admiration, and commendation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Ashley Tuell for winning the grand prize in the American Legion, Department of Tennessee, oratory contest, and wish her every continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.